

## Louis Myers, 88

*March 18, 1915 - June 18, 2003*

**WALNUT** – Louis Edwin Myers was born March 18, 1915, in rural Fullerton, NE, one of five children born to Edwin and Louise Cowell Myers. He attended school in Fullerton and graduated with the class of 1931. He entered the Army in 1939. He served in the Pacific Theater. It was during this time that he was captured by the Japanese and was a prisoner of war for 3 1/2 years. He was a survivor of the Bataan Death March in the Philippine Islands. Louis moved to Walnut in 1947.

He married Jean Horacek in Grand Island, NE, May 24, 1948. They were the parents of two children, Gloria and Ed. Louis worked as a grain elevator manager for Continental Grain for 35 years and managed the Shelby Elevator for about six years. He retired and worked for Federal Crop Insurance for over 10 years. He was a 50-year member of the American Legion and the AmVets in Walnut. He was also a member of the Southwest Iowa Chapter of American Ex-P.O.W.'s and the VFW Post in Atlantic. Louis served on the Walnut School Board for 12 years. Jean died Dec. 30, 2000, and he continued to live in his home in Walnut. Louis died June 18, 2003, at the Cass County Memorial Hospital in Atlantic, at age 88 years and three months.

Louis was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jean; his two brothers, Elvin and Melvin Myers; and a niece, Linda Myers. He is survived by his daughter, Gloria Myers of Walnut; a son, Ed Myers of Broomfield, CO; two grandchildren, Tina (Ross) Gregory of Denver, CO and Katie Myers of Brighton, CO; his two sisters, Edna McKibben of Kearney, NE and Mary (Elon) Swanson of Mount Ayr; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 22, 2003, at the First Presbyterian Church in Walnut, with Pastor Craig zumBrunnen officiating. Burial was in the Fullerton Cemetery, Fullerton, NE, June 23, 2003, with Rev. Valjean Warman officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Robert Fresner, Eldon "Mike" Michaelsen and Bill League. Casket bearers were Terry Suhr, Louis Swanson, Ralph Horacek, Justin Horacek, Ross Gregory, Tom Rieken, Trent Suhr, Ed Myers, Scott Swanson and Jason Horacek. Pauley Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.